

the great State of Colorado, and the United States of America. Ann, will be deeply missed.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MR. NELSON "RED" BERKELEY NOLAND

HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 28, 2021

Mr. LAMBORN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. Nelson "Red" Berkeley Noland, beloved husband, father, grandfather, veteran, and philanthropist.

Red was born February 3rd, 1927, in Richmond, Virginia, to the late William Churchill and Mary Bleeker Noland. He was the last of three children, and at an early age, developed a love for adventure.

Red was a man of faith and a lifelong member of the Episcopal Church. He attended St. Christopher School in Richmond, VA. Red attained the rank of Eagle Scout at 14 years old and attended President Roosevelt's 1941 inauguration as part of the Eagle Scouts Honor Guard.

During World War II, Red joined the U.S. Navy, reporting for duty on his 18th birthday. Following an Honorable Discharge after the war, Red studied at Princeton University, earning a degree in International Relations.

Automobiles were a life-long passion for Red, moving him to "Motor City" Detroit, Michigan after graduation. Red began working as a lathe operator in a production line, building Cadillac transmissions. Because of Red's work ethic and interest, it did not take long before he was moved up to work in sales. He became the youngest new car salesman in the Cadillac factory's store in Detroit.

In Detroit, he met the love of his life, Eloise "Bunny" Day. Red and Bunny were married in 1953 and had three children: Tom (1959), Betsy (1961), and William (1964). Earlier this year, the couple celebrated 67 years of wedded bliss.

In 1974, the Noland family moved to Colorado Springs, Colorado, and purchased the Silver State Cadillac store. Soon after, Red's appreciation for cars grew exponentially, and he acquired multiple franchise rights and expanded to numerous stores and a state-of-the-art collision center.

Over the years, Red grew the Red Noland Auto Group dealerships from less than 20 employees to over 150.

Red appreciated every one of the employees, keeping up with each birthday and family event. He was a true family man and considered his employees to be part of his family.

Living and raising a family in Colorado was an ideal situation for Red. Not only was he able to work in the industry he loved, but he also found a place that let his hobbies thrive. Red owned and flew planes and gliders in Colorado and came close to breaking distance records with his gliders. He was an outdoorsman hiking many Colorado 14-ers and trails. Skiing was his favorite winter sport. Often he was found on the slopes of Vail up to his 90th birthday.

Red had many joys in his life, but none more than his family and faith. Red is survived by his cherished wife, Bunny; loving children, Tom (Yingnan) Noland of Boulder, Colorado; Betsy (Stan) VanderWerf of Colorado Springs;

and William of Leadville, Colorado; his adored grandchildren Erik, Carolyn, Katie, James, and Matthew; and his wonderful nieces, nephews, and friends.

Red leaves behind a legacy of generosity, friendship, adventure, and faith. He lived his life with enthusiasm and purpose, and his deep commitment to his community and passions will transcend generations to come.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF JACKSON GREFE ON HIS OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Jackson Grefe of Sylvania, Ohio, has been offered an appointment to the United States Military Academy in West Point, New York.

Jackson's offer of appointment permits him to attend the United States Military Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2025. Attending one of our nation's military academies not only offers the opportunity to serve our country, but also guarantees a world-class education while undertaking one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Jackson brings a tremendous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2025. While attending Whitmer High School in Toledo, Ohio, Jackson participated in student government, Speech and Debate, German Club, and was a member of National Honor Society.

Throughout high school, Jackson was involved with cross country and track and field, achieving his varsity letter in both. I am confident that Jackson will carry the lessons of his student and athletic leadership to the Military Academy.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Jackson Grefe on his offer of appointment to the United States Military Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Jackson will excel during his career at the Military Academy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to our nation.

MEMORIAL DAY TRIBUTE REMEMBERING THOSE WHO GAVE THE LAST FULL MEASURE OF DEVOTION

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 28, 2021

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise in remembrance of every man and woman of the Armed Forces who gave the last full measure of devotion in defense of our country.

Memorial Day is a reminder to all of us who live in freedom that as President Kennedy

said, "The price of freedom is high, but Americans have always paid it."

Each May, veteran and service organizations come together to hold events around the country to demonstrate their gratitude to current and former men and women in uniform and their families for their service to our country.

This year marks the 46th anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War, the conflict that deeply involved and affected every member of my generation, but none more so than the families and loved ones of the 58,148 men and women who never returned home but whose valor and sacrifice is forever enshrined on the sacred Wall of the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, D.C.

357 of those names remind us of the sacrifice on the altar of freedom made by the families of Houston.

Among those who served are:

1. Sgt. Major James Williams of the U.S. Army, who was able to join the Army at the age of 15 because his mother agreed to say that he was 17 (the required age) and was stationed in Vietnam from 1960 to 1962 as Advisor to the Vietnam Regular Army and then served 3-combat tours of duty from 1965 to 1967 before retiring in 1971 with the rank of Sgt. Major after 21 years of service. Sgt. Major Williams says today that "If I could go back in combat and do what I did, in my physical condition, I would do it all over again."

2. Major General John H. Bailey II (Ret) TXSG, who was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army in May 1967 and served two tours of duty in Vietnam, 1967 to 68 and 1971 to 72, first as platoon leader and company commander with the 101st Airborne Division, and second as an Army Fixed Wing Aviator where he flew Reconnaissance, Surveillance, and Search and Destroy Missions over South Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia.

3. Felix Lugo of the United States Army, a native Houstonian and has been a resident of the Heights for the past 45 years, who was 18 years old when he joined the Army in January 1975 and served 6 years with the 4th Battalion, 31st Infantry Division (Mechanized), Ft. Sill, Oklahoma and as a paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne, and is still so proud to be a Vietnam Era Veteran.

Of the 2.7 million Americans who served in uniform in Vietnam, more than 10 percent (362,000) were killed or wounded, including 5 Americans soldiers who were just 16 years old.

The average age of the soldiers who fought in Vietnam was just 22 years old and 61 percent of those killed were younger than 21.

Three in every five (61 percent) of those killed were younger than 21 and 17,539 among those killed would never again see their wives and children.

So it is fitting and proper that during this month of May a grateful nation acknowledges and affirms the debt owed to those brave men and women who risked their lives to preserve the freedoms we too often take for granted.

Texas is home to more than 130,000 active military personnel and more than 1,600,000 veterans, 30,000 of which are from the 18th Congressional District of Texas.

It has been an honor to represent these constituents and I am extremely proud of their service.

As we acknowledge our veterans, current and future military men and women, it is essential that we provide them with the resources necessary to help, in President Lincoln's words, "him who has borne the battle, and his widow and orphan."